

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Richard W. Roelke House Survey Number: 087
~~G-VI-A-041~~

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Richard W. Roelke House is recommended not eligible for the National Register. Although illustrative of settlement patterns in the Oakland area early twentieth century, the dwelling possesses poor integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. Research has not identified any significant associations with historic persons or events. The house neither reflects the distinctive characteristics of a particular architectural style nor embodies the representative work of a master craftsman or method of construction. The building also does not appear to potentially provide important information for the study of history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon, KCI Technologies, Inc.

Concun. [Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

BK
Reviewer, NR program

✓
Date

[Signature]

Richard W. Roelke House
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 087
527 South Third Street
Oakland
1912
Private

The Richard W. Roelke House stands two stories tall in a front-facing T-plan of frame construction with a wrapping front porch. A rock-faced concrete block two-car garage is located behind and north of the dwelling.

Constructed in 1912 according to Garrett County tax records, the Richard W. Roelke House documents the Oakland area's growth in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries due to its establishment as the county seat and its participation in the county's resort boom.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Richard W. Roelke House

2. Location

street & number ^{South} 527 ~~North~~ Third Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland _____ vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard W. Roelke

street & number 704 North Market Street telephone

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 112-14-1665

city, town Oakland liber and folio 574/455

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>0</u>		

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Richard W. Roelke House (G-VI-A-041) is located at 527 South Third Street in Oakland. The early-twentieth-century two-story front-facing T-plan house is of frame construction and has a wrapping front porch. Facing southeast, the dwelling sits on an open rectangular lot in a subdivision of early to mid-twentieth century homes along Third Street.

Four bays wide by two bays deep, the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles and rests on a poured concrete foundation that encloses a full cellar. Its cross-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and finished with a vinyl-covered box cornice with returns. The three-sided northeast end of the house forms a two story bay window. The wrapping front porch has a asphalt-shingled hip roof and wooden deck. It rests on concrete piers concealed behind wooden lattice. Supported by turned wood posts with decorative brackets, the porch has a closed rail sided with asbestos shingles. The house retains its original wooden sash front door. The back entrance is located in a half-width lean-to on the northwest (rear) elevation. The singly-spaced and paired windows on the dwelling are primarily two-over-two double-hung wooden sash. Narrow wood molding surrounds the door and window openings. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance on the rear (northwest) elevation.

A rock-faced concrete block two-car garage is located behind and north of the dwelling. It has a front-facing gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles and finished with a wooden open cornice. It has six-over-six double hung wooden sash windows and modern vinyl overhead garage doors. A gravel driveway connects the shed to the street. Northeast of the garage and driveway, the lot slopes downwards into the neighboring yard. The dwelling's gently sloping lot is defined by a concrete retaining wall on the southwest and a wooden panel fence on the northwest. A concrete walk connects the front porch and the street.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates Circa 1912 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

Constructed in 1912 according to Garrett County tax records, the Richard W. Roelke House documents the Oakland area's growth in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries resulting from its rise as the county seat and its participation in the county's resort boom. Beginning in the early 1870s the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) promoted the Oakland area as a summer resort and erected large hotels at Oakland and Deer Park. The town's population grew quickly thereafter and become the county seat when Garret was formed from part of Allegany County in 1872. Competition from other resorts and the rise of the automobile as the principal mode of transportation led the B&O to close its Oakland hotel by 1910. Oakland continued to slowly expand due to its role as the county seat and local market center throughout the early twentieth century. Actually located outside of the town limits when built, Oakland annexed the South Third Street area into its corporate limits in 1989.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.25 acres
Acreage surveyed 0.25 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1665, Map 112, Grid 14

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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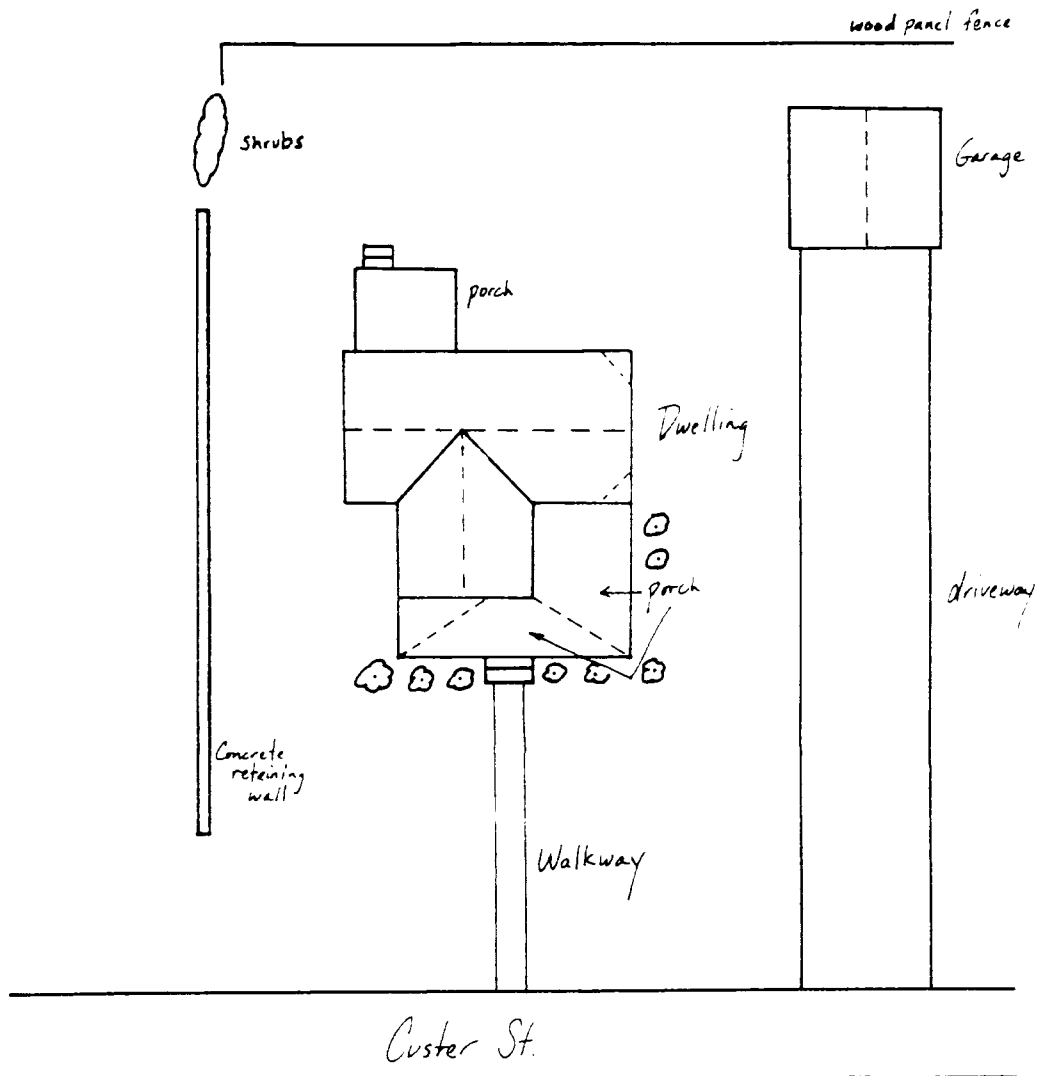
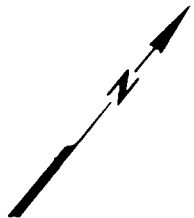
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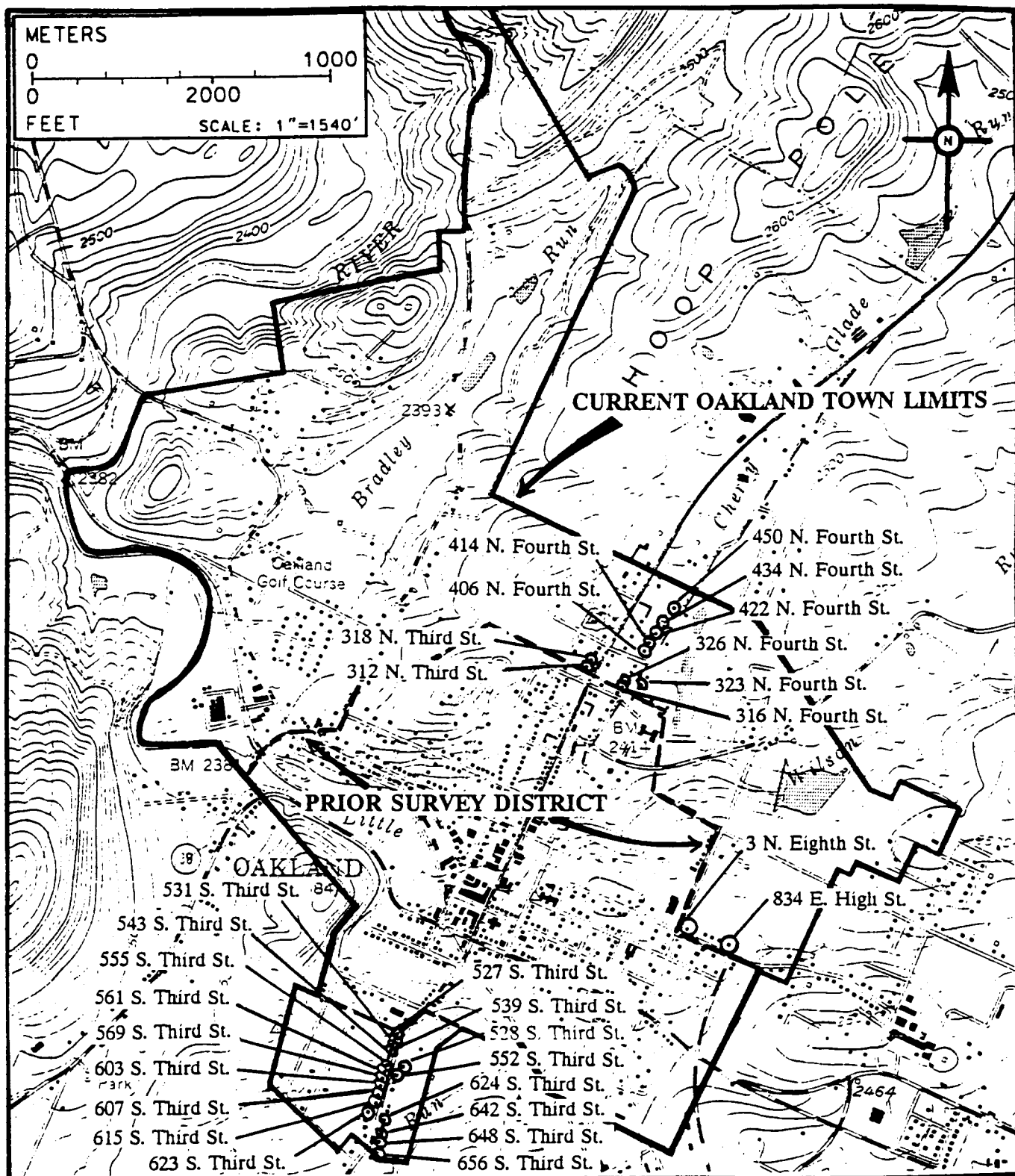
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Resource Sketch Map

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527 South Third Street
Oakland, Garrett County



**Addenda to Oakland Survey District
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Oakland Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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